

Please see **5 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) W-APT WebEx, 2) Fall 2013 Assessment Video Cast, 3) Interim Assessment Pilot Follow-up Survey, 4) BAA Fall Conference, and 5) Fall 2013 MEAP Online Testing Webinars.

1) WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) WebEx

The Office of Standards and Assessment (OSA) would like to extend an invitation to participate in a "How to Administer the W-APT and Use the New BAA Secure Site WebEx." The purpose of this WebEx is to instruct Michigan's educators on how to administer the new WIDA W-APT assessment and to teach the basics on how to use the new BAA Secure Site. The W-APT is the screening tool used to aid districts in identifying students who are non-native English speakers who may also be in need of English learner (EL) services.

The WebEx will be divided into four **duplicate** sessions:

Monday, September 9, 2013

Session 1: 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Session 2: 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Session 1: 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Session 2: 1:00–3:00 p.m.

To confirm your participation, we are requesting that you respond via email to Cristina Rodriguez at rodriguezcr@michigan.gov. Please identify which session you would like to take part in and upon receipt of your selection, instructions will be sent on how to gain access to the WebEx. Space is limited so be sure to **confirm by Friday, September 6, 2013.**

2) Fall 2013 Assessment Video Cast

Please join us on **Monday, September 9, 2013** for the Fall 2013 Michigan Assessment video cast. This event will provide District and School Test Coordinators with the information needed to ensure a successful administration of all the Fall 2013 assessments. Please be sure to put this important event on your calendar.

- The MEAP/MEAP-Access video cast with live audience participation will be presented from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The flyer and proposed agenda are available on the MEAP and MEAP-Access webpages. The broadcast will later be available through www.mistreamnet.org.
- The MI- Access video cast will air from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and will also be available through www.mistreamnet.org for future viewing. The video cast flyer, which includes information on how to view this event, has been posted to the MI-Access webpage and can be accessed directly through this link: www.michigan.gov/mi-access.

If you have not accessed a video or webcast through www.mistreamnet.org in the past, please visit the site prior to Monday, September 9, 2013 to make sure your computer has the required connection and software to view the webcast.

3) Interim Assessment Pilot Follow-up Survey

Schools that have applied for the Fall 2013 Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot should have received a communication on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 describing the next step for participating in this pilot. A follow-up survey is now available at <http://tinyurl.com/F13MIIPilot> and **must** be submitted on or before **Monday, August 26, 2013** in order to be included in the Fall 2013 Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot. If a Fall 2013 Interim Assessment follow-up survey is not completed for your school by the deadline, we will be unable to include your school in the fall pilot.

For more information regarding the interim assessments, please contact:

Interim Assessment Contacts		
<u>Elementary (K-5)</u> Erika Bolig 517-241-6397 bolige@michigan.gov	<u>Secondary (6-12)</u> Kim Young 517-373-0988 youngk1@michigan.gov	<u>Technology</u> Matt Ayotte 517-335-4643 ayottem@michigan.gov

4) BAA Fall Conference

Inspire Growth, A Collaboration of Michigan Educators... this is the focus of the Michigan Department of Education's Bureau of Assessment and Accountability Fall Conference. It is an opportunity for us to celebrate the successes of the past and work together toward the future of education for the students of Michigan. The conference will set the stage for the exchange of ideas about the next generation of student learning and assessment. There will be sessions in many formats – panel/round table discussions, mini skills, Q & A – on various topics. More information about the proposed sessions can be found at:
http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/Fall_Conference_Sessions.6.24_425821_7.pdf.

The conference will be repeated around the state for the convenience of our participants. The remaining dates and locations are as follows:

- **Friday, August 23, 2013:** Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw [Register!](#)
- **Wednesday, September 11, 2013:** Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti [Register!](#)
- **Monday, September 16, 2013:** Northern Michigan University, Marquette [Register!](#)

For more information, please visit the [2013 BAA Fall Conference website](#).

5) Fall 2013 MEAP Online Testing Webinars

For schools and districts participating in the Fall 2013 MEAP online testing, the Office of Standards and Assessment (OSA) and Measurement Incorporated (MI) are pleased to announce the following training webinars in support of the this fall's MEAP online testing:

Webinar	Date/Time
MIST™ for Technology Directors	Thursday, September 12, 2013 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**MIST™ for MEAP Coordinators
and Test Administrators**

Thursday, September 19, 2013
9:00-10:30 a.m.
3:00-4:30 p.m. (repeat session)

Flyers will be distributed to online participants by the end of August with detailed agendas and information on how to access the webinars.

Questions?

For assessment questions, please email BAA@michigan.gov.

For accountability questions, please email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.